

2. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said base has at least one infrared device for receiving infrared signals.

3. The portable personal computer of claim 2, wherein said base has at least one infrared device for transmitting infrared signals.

4. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein the recess is sized to receive both the lower surface and the at least one side surface of said removable wireless keyboard.

6. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard includes a pointing device.

7. The portable personal computer of claim 6, wherein said pointing device functions as a computer track ball apparatus.

8. The portable personal computer of claim 6, wherein said pointing device functions as a computer touch pad apparatus.

9. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said signal interface includes a hardwired connection.

10. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said signal interface includes an infrared connection.

11. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said signal interface includes a radio frequency connection.

12. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard further includes an infrared transducer.

13. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard includes at least one infrared device for at least transmitting infrared signals.

14. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has at least first, second, and third sides perpendicular to said upper and lower surfaces, and at least first and second infrared devices for at least transmitting infrared signals, said first and second infrared devices located on at least two of said first, second, and third sides of said removable wireless keyboard.

15. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard includes a radio frequency transmitter and said base includes a radio frequency receiver.

16. The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has a first mating connector and said base has a second mating connector, wherein said first mating connector and said second mating connector provide a hardwired connection when said removable wireless keyboard is mounted into said base.

18. A portable personal computer, comprising:
a base having a controller for controlling operations thereof, said base having a recess;

a display attached to said base; and

a removable wireless keyboard for communicating with said controller in said base through a signal interface when mounted into said base or through a wireless connection when removed from said base, said keyboard having an upper surface, a lower surface and at least one side surface with at least one of the lower surface and the at least one side surface being received in said recess when said keyboard is mounted in said base, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has a power supply independent of said

base, and wherein said power supply includes an external alternating current power adapter.

C1 Sub 1 ~~19.~~ 19. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said power supply further includes at least one battery.

20. The portable personal computer of claim 19, wherein said at least one battery is charged by said base when said removable wireless keyboard is mounted into said base.

21. The portable personal computer of claim 18, further comprising at least one retaining device for securing said removable wireless keyboard to said base.

22. The portable personal computer of claim 21, wherein said at least one retaining device includes a spring ball bearing.

23. The portable personal computer of claim 22, wherein said at least one retaining device includes a tab and a slot, one of said tab and said slot located on one of said removable wireless keyboard and said base and the other of said tab and said slot located on the other of said removable wireless keyboard and said base, wherein said tab fits into said slot to secure said removable wireless keyboard to said base.

24. The portable personal computer of claim 18, further comprising an ejector mechanism for removing said removable wireless keyboard when said removable wireless keyboard is mounted in said base.

26. The input device of claim 30, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has at least one infrared device for at least transmitting infrared signals.

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27. (Twice Amended) The input device of claim 30, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has an upper surface and a lower surface, and at least first, second, and third sides perpendicular to said upper and lower surfaces, and at least first and second infrared devices for at least transmitting infrared signals, said first and second infrared devices located on at least two of said first, second, and third sides of said removable wireless keyboard.

28. (Twice Amended) The input device of claim 30, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has a first mating connector and said base has a second mating connector, wherein said first mating connector and said second mating connector provide a hardwired connection when said removable wireless keyboard is mounted into said base.

30. An input device for a portable personal computer, comprising a removable wireless keyboard capable of being mounted within a base of a portable computer for communicating with said portable computer through a hardwired interlocking connection when mounted within said base, or through a wireless connection when removed from said base, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has a power supply independent of said computer, and wherein said power supply includes an external alternating current power adapter source.

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31. (Twice Amended) The input device of claim 30, wherein said power supply further includes at least one battery.

32. The input device of claim 31, wherein said at least one battery is charged by said computer when said removable wireless keyboard is mounted into said computer.

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33. (Twice Amended) The input device of claim 30, further comprising at least one retaining device for securing said removable wireless keyboard to said computer.

34. The input device of claim 33, wherein said at least one retaining device is a spring ball bearing.